

EDNA STEVENS.

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Mr. GIBSON, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2116.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2116) granting an increase of pension to Edna Stevens, have examined the same and report:

This bill as amended proposes to increase from \$8 to \$12 per month the pension of Edna Stevens, widow of Charles Stevens, late first lieutenant Company C, Third Regiment Maryland Volunteer Infantry.

The military records show that Charles Stevens enlisted August 28, 1861, as a private in Company C, Third Maryland Infantry; was promoted second lieutenant January 11, 1862, and first lieutenant November 10, 1862, and honorably resigned January 24, 1863, in consequence of disability from gunshot wound of right thigh, received in battle at Antietam, Maryland, September 17, 1862.

Soldier filed a claim under the general law and was pensioned for gunshot wound of right thigh at \$3.75 from discharge, which was increased to \$4 March 27, 1889. On July 12, 1892, he was allowed pension under the act of June 27, 1890, for gunshot wound of right thigh, injury to left ankle, and disease of heart at \$12 from September 24, 1891, which pension he was receiving at the date of his death, January 18, 1897.

Edna Stevens, whose post-office address is Cheyenne, Wyo., is the widow of the soldier, and is now receiving the pension of \$8 per month provided by the act of June 27, 1890. She was married to the soldier March 27, 1853, and is now 72 years of age, and the evidence on file shows that she owns no real or personal property and has no means of support except her small pension.

Mrs. Stevens has made no claim under the general law, being unable to prove that her husband died in consequence of wound or disease incurred in service. She is a war widow, and in view of her advanced age and great destitution an increase of her pension to \$12 per month is recommended to aid in her support.

The bill is therefore reported back favorably with a recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

In line 6, after the word "late," strike out the word "of" and insert in lieu thereof the words "first lieutenant."

In line 8 strike out the word "twenty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twelve."

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